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Re: CBRS Band bidding

Fourway Computer Products, Inc. is an internet provider servicing northern Indiana & southwestern lower Michigan. We service more than 4,000 customers in our service area. Many of the customers we service have no other viable options. We provide service levels that meet and exceed the FCC requirements. Our service levels start at 6Mb/1Mb and extend 100Mb/100Mb and beyond.

We have been utilizing the 3650-3700 MHz band for the last several years. We have been deploying with the expectation that we will be able to utilize the additional spectrum to continue to deliver the service that our customers need & will need in the future. This requires that we are able to deliver faster & more reliable connections.

I am concerned that the proposed rules to conduct the PAL auctions based on "Partial Economic Areas" (PEAs) will significantly affect our ability to compete and use this spectrum.

most of our clients are in areas outside of the metropolitan area. The larger areas included in the bidding process would mean we would be competing bidding against providers providing service in the densely populated areas. The smaller census tract bidding areas would mean that people serving an area would be bidding/competing with others servicing the same areas.

If the objective of this process is to provide the best service to customers in a given area, the bidding process should cover those areas, not the large PAL areas. Part of the reason many of our customers now can't get service in their location is because the larger providers focus only on the densely populated areas.

The result of this process could further exacerbate the digital divide it was intended to alleviate.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Roland Houin". The script is fluid and cursive.

Roland Houin
President
Fourway Computer Products, Inc.